

## Dismissal of Reformatory's Chief Is Asked

Prison Commission's Report  
Declares Major Brewster  
Has Been Unnecessarily  
Cruel in His Punishments

### New Rules Recommended

Weinstock Findings Include  
Charge Offenders Were on  
Bread and Water 34 Days

Removal of Major Sidney W. Brewster as acting superintendent of the New York City Reformatory at New Hampton and the discontinuance of unnecessarily rigorous forms of punishment for inmates of the institution are recommended by the State Commission of Prisons in a report prepared after an investigation of alleged brutalities practiced on prisoners there.

The commission's report, prepared by Leon C. Weinstock, State Commissioner of Prisons, made public yesterday, also recommends that the state promulgate rules to govern disciplinary measures at the reformatory; that only first or minor offenders be sent there rather than to the penitentiary; and that educational and recreational provisions, now entirely lacking in the institution, be made and put into immediate effect.

#### Lawes's Rule Cited

The report, after describing the reformatory itself and its supposed functions, compared the administration of Major Brewster with that of his predecessor, Major Lewis E. Lawes, now warden at Sing Sing. Lawes, the report declared, was humane and possessed the ability to get on well with his men, affecting many reforms even in the harshest of the institution. Brewster was not so successful, it was said.

"Immediately after Major Brewster assumed charge of the reformatory a cruel system of isolation as a means of punishment was put into effect. This report declared, 'An inmate committed to an isolation cell was placed upon a diet of two slices of bread twice a day and two cups of water for a period of five consecutive days. On the sixth day the inmate in solitary confinement received regular rations and then followed five more consecutive days of the prescribed number of days in solitary confinement. In some instances this course of treatment was continued from twenty-eight to thirty-four days.'

#### Punished While Handcuffed

"The receipt of so-called contraband by an inmate in solitary confinement, such as articles of food from other inmates or a cigarette, was treated in the institution as a crime. Five additional days upon the restricted bread and water diet."

The commission disagreed with Major Brewster's contention that the "treatment" was not injurious to the prisoner's health, and demanded investigation of the competency of Dr. Joseph A. Amster, the reformatory physician.

A case was cited in which a prisoner in isolation had to endure his punishment while handcuffed, because he had a fever, previously, attempted to escape from a cell.

"So committed is Major Brewster to the continuation of this system that after he had been notified by the Commissioner of Correction to discontinue isolation he violated the order and continued to use this form of punishment," the report continued.

One keeper, found guilty of brutality to prisoners, was discharged from the reformatory, it declared.

The report criticized Major Brewster for inflicting punishment on all the prisoners for offenses committed by only one, thus making innocent men suffer.

## Court Spares Thief Who Captured Ten Germans

Last Official Act of Judge Wadhams Is to Suspend the Sentence of War Hero

The last official act of Judge William E. Wadhams before leaving the General Sessions bench yesterday was to suspend sentence on Anthony De Leo, a chauffeur, of German, L. I., who had pleaded guilty to the theft of \$2,000 worth of silk underwear from a warehouse at 54 Canal Street last July.

Judge Wadhams said he believed the extreme selfishness which led De Leo to capture ten Germans in the recent war all by himself probably had got him into difficulties when he returned to this country and began to associate with criminal groups. De Leo had a clean record before his arrest.

The judge said determination of the length of sentences should be taken from the courts which should have only the duty of designating to what institution the criminal should be sent, leaving the duration of their stay up to the prison authorities and the parole boards. Speeches of farewell were made by several Assistant District Attorneys.

## Spring Suits on Sale in Chicago at Cut Prices

Reductions Range Nearly 50 Per  
Cent Below Amounts Charged  
a Year Ago

CHICAGO, Jan. 4.—The market for men's spring and summer clothing was opened in Chicago to-day and manufacturers offered suits at prices much below those of the spring of 1920. One of the leading factors in the ready-made trade quoted the manufacturers' price of wool suits at \$25, compared with \$40 last fall and \$37 a year ago. Fine blue serge suits are offered at \$30, compared with \$47 last fall and \$48 one year ago. A standard worsted suit is now wholesaled at \$34, compared with \$45 in the spring of 1920. The finest worsted suits made in America are offered at \$53, compared with \$80, three-quarters of a year ago. Finest worsted suits are offered at \$32, compared with \$45 last spring. Prices for summer goods, such as mohairs and Palm Beaches, range upward from \$14.50, compared with \$16.50 last year.

Buyers from every part of the United States say they expect, for the most part, liquidated goods bought at peak prices and from now on clothing will be retailed on the new level.

## Palmer Names Prosecutors in Building Cases

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appearing as counsel for Truman H. Newberry before the Supreme Court, in connection with the latter's trial arising out of the Senatorial election in Michigan. Mr. Littell is expected to be back in time to take the leading part in Brindell's defense.

The January grand jury was sworn in at the Criminal Court yesterday by Justice John V. McAvoy. It will devote practically all of its energies to evidence brought out by the Lockwood committee in its investigation of the alleged building trust. It is the third grand jury now engaged on the criminal side of the investigation. Francis H. Cabot, of 47 East Seventy-fifth Street, is foreman.

It is understood that Rand and Kresel will begin work immediately upon the steel and cement situation as disclosed by Mr. Untermyer during sessions of the Lockwood committee. Mr. Untermyer already has expressed the opinion that in the case of the steel and other companies there have been violations of the Sherman law. Other phases of the investigation will be the marble, terra-cotta and white lead industries.

## Collusion Hinted in City Dock and Coal Contracts

Board of Estimate to Hold  
Hearings on \$7,000,000  
Jobs and on High Fuel Prices

After testimony by Bernard Rolfe, head of the Riverside contracting company, before the resumed hearing of the Board of Estimate on city contracts and materials yesterday had indicated possible collusion between dock contractors, Mayor Hylan ordered an inquiry into the contracts recently let for the construction of dock facilities aggregating nearly \$7,000,000 in Staten Island alone.

The Mayor also instructed Assistant Corporation Counsel William B. Carwell to prepare data for an investigation into city coal contracts. It was testified that coal is available in the open market at a price lower than the contracts. Mr. Carwell said the data would be ready by 10:30 o'clock this morning, when the hearing is to be resumed.

"If it is true that a combination existed among the contractors to mulct the city," said the Mayor, "I will see that existing contracts are canceled and new purchases in the open market."

Henry C. Hunter, 30 Church Street, secretary of the Dockbuilders' Association, testified that he is remunerated to the amount of \$100 a year from each of the organization's members, and in addition that his duties were merely to deal with labor for his employing concerns.

Mr. Hunter produced an agreement made with the Brindell union on August 11, 1919, which expired December 31, 1920, and has not been renewed. He said monthly meetings were held by his organization, but insisted that only labor issues were discussed. He denied any activity or combination to stifle competitive bidding.

The hearing covered a wide scope and served to reveal that the plumbing contract of Alfred E. Ducloux for work at the Bronx Borough social plant had been canceled on the ground of alleged collusion. The recommendation for the contract was sent to Borough President Bruckner of the Bronx by Corporation Counsel O'Brien after the latter's investigation had tended to show the bid to be "tainted with collusion," according to a letter read into the record by Mr. Carwell.

## Thief Slashes His Victim When Money Is Withheld

John Quinn, twenty-three years old, who lives at 557 Greenview Street, was stopped at Canal and Hudson streets while walking to his home early yesterday morning by an Italian, who brandished a knife and demanded his money.

Quinn refused to comply with the request and received a slash across the abdomen. He was taken to St. Vincent's Hospital. No trace of his assailant has been found.

## Growers' Revolt Shuts Kentucky Tobacco Marts

State-Wide Boycott on  
Buyers Planned as Prices  
Reach New Low Level;  
Organize to Stop Selling

### Warehouses Are Emptied

2,000 Farmers With Drawn  
Knives Storm Pavilion;  
One Dies in Excitement

Special Dispatch to The Tribune

LEXINGTON, Ky., Jan. 4.—Tobacco growers of Kentucky revolted to-day against the low prices offered for their product. They forced every market in northern and central Kentucky, except one, to close its doors, withdrew enormous quantities of tobacco from the market warehouses, organized themselves in many districts to stop all further selling this year and to cut the 1921 crop, and laid plans for selling their crops themselves.

In Lexington, the world's principal loose leaf market, prices reached a new low level. A few sales were made in which tobacco that a year ago brought 25 and 30 cents a pound today sold for one cent a pound. Farmers protested that such prices were ruinous.

At Carlisle and at Maysville there was considerable disorder. At the former place an armed attack by farmers on the buyers for the manufacturers was narrowly averted. Two thousand growers, with drawn knives, started to storm the buyers' pavilion, but were pacified by a few older men. At Maysville during the excitement one grower dropped dead of a heart disease.

All the large markets in the state are closed and the others are expected to join immediately in the boycott of buyers. Mass meetings of farmers held in various towns resulted in a general movement to withdraw all tobacco in warehouses and to store it in private barns pending a rise in prices. The growers believe the buyers are hard pressed for money and offer low prices in the hope that the farmers will be compelled to sell. The growers expect the manufacturers to offer much higher prices immediately if they see the whole crop vanishing suddenly from the market.

Rather than wait for this development, however, the farmers set about their plans for protective action. Growers generally admit, however, that many of them will have to move their crops, refuse to extend further credit. Thousands of them are much in need of money.

At Paris, Frankfort and Winchester the farmers met and agreed to hold their crops. Three thousand growers took part in forcing the market in Maysville to close. Other towns where the market was closed include Mount Sterling, Frankfort, the Lexington market will not reopen before January 11, at the earliest.

At Maysville, tobacco growers, warehousemen and other persons interested in the situation were called to-night for next Friday by growers from several counties meeting here.

## Impulsive Wooer Attempts to Oust Boarder as Rival

Having Bought a Ring on  
Speculation, He Loses  
Landlady by Premature  
Assumption of Authority

Miss Ella Nash, blue-eyed, black-haired, comely, Irish and the proprietor of a boarding house at 252 West 129th Street, never conferred any authority upon one Jeremiah O'Donnell, husky and a fast worker, to order from her home John McCroly, an attendant in the Harlem court, who had boarded with her for these last ten years. But impulsive Jeremiah, who had boarded there only six weeks, assumed that authority, he told Magistrate Schwab in the men's night court last night, because he was soon to be the proprietor of the blue-eyed Ella's place.

He used no vile language in seeking to rid the boarding house of McCroly's presence, he said, and he denied also through his attorney that he had, as charged, indulged in such vulgar actions as swinging a chair at McCroly or had threatened him with a knife or pulled down the portieres. "I did ask him to leave, your honor, for he has no right there," said O'Donnell. "He sits around until 2 o'clock in the morning and puts his feet on the table and smokes a pipe and stays too close to where Ella is, although she will have nothing to do with him."

"What right have you got to order McCroly out?" asked Magistrate Schwab. "Are you the proprietor of the place?"

"Not yet, your honor, but I am gaining ground in Miss Nash's esteem and affection. I have taken her to the Hippodrome, I have bought an engagement ring, and pretty soon—"

But Miss Nash seemed to disagree entirely with the plans of Jeremiah O'Donnell. She said that she did not want McCroly ordered from the house; that he was a nice man, and, furthermore, she did hear a racket in the dining room and Jeremiah did pull down the portieres.

Jeremiah looked so crestfallen that his attorney immediately pleaded that the case be dropped.

"Your honor," he said, "my client did not go to Miss Nash's house until six weeks ago, and—"

Magistrate Schwab interrupted: "Well, you take him home and tell him to behave himself, if he doesn't he won't go there again for six months."

## Accused of Aiding Jailbreak

Thomas A. Hunt, a prisoner in the West Side Jail, was arraigned in the West Side Court yesterday, charged with conspiracy in aiding and abetting the escape from the jail on Monday of Henry L. Bitzberger, who was under arrest here in connection with the robbery of a New Jersey bank. Hunt is accused of sawing a bar in the jail window, through which Bitzberger escaped.

The complaint against Hunt was made by Keeper George J. Anton, of 873 Street, Brooklyn, who was suspended by Garden Peter Mallin immediately after the escape. Hunt was half way through the window when the keeper's attention was attracted.

Hunt was in prison in default of \$100,000 bail on a charge of assault and robbery. Bail of a like amount was fixed for the new charge by Magistrate Levine. The prisoner will be examined Monday on both charges.

## Girl Elover Sues Densel For \$25,000

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later, spoke slowly and deliberately and without emotion.

"Dominie Densel," she said, "gave me a ring—a wedding ring—September 20. He told me at that time I was married to him before. We lived here as man and wife for the first time. We left Passaic November 12. We stopped at the Hotel McLeod from Saturday until Monday, and we also spent one night at the Hotel Irving. We lived here as man and wife for the first time.

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"Well, on December 8 we went to New York. We stayed at the Hotel Athens. There we met Richard. The minister then said to me: 'Well, Trina, I'll have to break with you, and he took my ring away from me.' I cried. I said: 'No, I cannot break with you. You took me away. I will not leave you. You told me that we were married before God.'

Then Richard said to me: 'Trina, go home. Your father will take you back with love.' Well, we then went home. That's all there is to it—every bit."

Miss Hanesberg added that they had registered at hotels as Mr. and Mrs. Tensel, and that they had had pictures taken together both in Buffalo and New York.

The letter, said to have been written by Densel to Miss Hanesberg, September 20, read:

"Dearest Trina: With all my heart I hope you read this letter in good health. I hope when you observe your left hand and behold the token of our mutual fidelity a mingled feeling in your soul will be manifested. Happiness and sorrow and me (there followed three dashes) surprise. Isn't that right?"

Believe me, sweetheart, you will be put to rest by this letter in good health. I hope when you observe your left hand and behold the token of our mutual fidelity a mingled feeling in your soul will be manifested. Happiness and sorrow and me (there followed three dashes) surprise. Isn't that right?"

"I have put off my trip to Sayville so that in the meanwhile I can think out other plans. Gladly would I take you with me in an open, honest way, but if it might cause suspicious reflections on you I would rather not go myself. As a man of experience I know only too well how evil slandering will be scattered. My love toward you is based on truth. I do not wish to expose you, but the Lord willing, we will confer with one another before that time."

"I am, as ever, entirely yours," (Signed) "CORN."

Alleges Many Marriage Promises

The papers filed with Miss Hanesberg's suit set forth that Densel had on numerous occasions between September 20 and December 3 promised to marry her, that in consequence of these promises she had lived with him as man and wife, that the promises were false and fraudulent and that the defendant at no time had any intention of fulfilling his promises.

Since his return from his pilgrimage with the young choir singer Densel has been living at his home with his wife and eight children. Miss Hanesberg, upon her return, went to her home at 25 Pine Street. Her father is a contractor.

Densel asked the forgiveness of the church consistory and asked that he be reinstated as pastor. He made a dramatic confession at the church and beseeched the forgiveness of all members. A number of the members wrung his hand and wept with him. The girl also asked reinstatement as a member and asked that she be allowed to resume her place in the choir.

She and the former pastor have been placed on probation. Densel resigned his pastorate before disappearing with the girl.

Ward & McGinnis, of Paterson, have been engaged as counsel for Densel.

Charges Polish Army Got  
Cash Voted to Starving

Reed Tells Senate \$40,000,000,  
Intended to Feed Children,  
Was Misspent

From The Tribune's Washington Bureau  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Senator Reed, of Missouri, while referring to economy in connection with the debate over the inaugural ceremonies in the Senate to-day charged that \$40,000,000 of the money voted by Congress to feed the children of Europe was spent on the Polish army.

Senator Reed mentioned no names and did not go into details when pressed by Senator Borah and other Senators for more particulars. He said he had the data on his desk and he promised to go into the subject in detail in a day or two.

"We voted away \$50,000,000 to be spent in Europe for the relief of the people," Senator Reed said, "and with unblinking effrontery the same gentleman who asked it tells us about \$40,000,000 spent on the Polish army."

Senator Borah immediately arose and asked directly if Congress had appropriated money to feed the children of Europe and \$40,000,000 of it was expended to maintain the Polish army.

"The statement is that it was necessary to spend it to keep the Polish army in the field," said Senator Reed.

Woman Accused of  
Libel Freed From  
Asylum by Court

Justice Cohalan Shocked She  
Should Have Been Sent to  
Matteawan Without Trial;  
Attacked a Philanthropist

In granting the release of Mrs. Kate Tedford Hickie from the Matteawan State Hospital for the Insane yesterday Justice Cohalan, of the Supreme Court, criticized the conditions under which it was possible to commit Mrs. Hickie to the institution without a trial of any sort.

Mrs. Hickie was indicted on a charge that she had published a criminal libel against Alexander M. Hadden, a philanthropist. She was committed to Matteawan by the late Judge John T. Malone, of General Sessions.

Mrs. Hickie, a lawyer, who was released recently as a patient of the Manhattan State Hospital in Ward's Island, in habeas corpus proceedings, brought the same sort of proceeding in behalf of Mrs. Hickie. Justice Cohalan sustained the writ and ordered that Mrs. Hickie be remanded to the Tombs for trial on the criminal libel charge.

"That such a condition could exist in these days in the State of New York is deplorable," said Justice Cohalan. "It shakes the conscience of the court, and makes one wonder if it is an isolated case, as may be hoped, or is indicative of conditions that have crept to any considerable extent into our penal institutions. She is charged with having criminally libeled Mr. Hadden."

"She is entitled to the protection given every other citizen, to no less and to no more. She is likewise entitled to equal protection and to be held responsible for any violation of the law of which she may be legally found guilty. Beyond that justice does not require that she be punished, nor will the law permit it. There must be no suspicion that the law may be turned into a weapon of private vengeance."

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## Miller Appoints Bayes To Kings County Bench

Republican Leader Takes Place  
Vacated by Dike's Election  
to the Supreme Court

Governor Nathan L. Miller yesterday appointed William R. Bayes, Republican leader of the 2d Assembly District of Kings County, a county judge to fill the vacancy caused by the election of County Judge Norman S. Dike as justice of the Supreme Court. The appointment of Judge Bayes will expire next November. The salary is \$12,500 a year. It is understood that the name of Mr. Bayes was the only one submitted by Jacob A. Livingston, the Kings County organization leader, to Governor Miller.

Judge Bayes is forty-four years old and was born in Wauseon, Ohio. He was graduated from the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, and later from the Columbia Law School. He has lived in Brooklyn since 1908. He was a delegate to the last Constitutional Convention and has served on the Kings County Republican Executive Committee.

Governor Miller announced that he had redesignated Justice Walter H. Jaycox, of Brooklyn, to sit temporarily as an associate justice of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court for the 2d Judicial Department.

The Governor also appointed Robert S. Pelletreau Surrogate of Suffolk County, to succeed Sean B. Strong, resigned.

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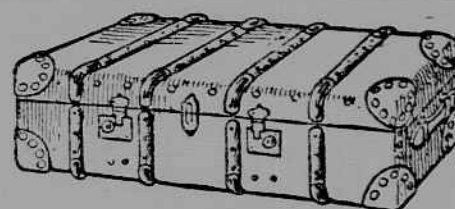
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